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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed July 16, 2002, Applicant elects, Group I, claims 4, 6, 7, 16, 20, 29 and 30, drawn to a method for producing a plant cell that contains heterologous nucleic acid by introducing a plant satellite artificial chromosome (SATAC) into the cell, with traverse, for examination on the merits.

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. In view of the traversal of the Restriction Requirement, all claims are retained. It is noted that in reliance upon the previous restriction requirement, a divisional application U.S. application Serial No. 10/151,078 has been filed.

Traversal of the Restriction Requirement

In order for restriction to be proper, the restricted subject matter must be independent or distinct **AND** there must be a burden on the Office to examine